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DOCUMENT ON BERLIN WHICH GROMYKO GAVE ME OBVIOUSLY  
 DRAFTED WITH EYE TO PUBLICATION AND SUGGEST WE SHOULD  
 REPLY WITH SIMILAR DOCUMENT. DEPT WILL HAVE NOTED  
 GREATER EMPHASIS GIVEN ODER-NEISSE LINE THAN INTERNAL  
 BORDERS. ALSO USING ONLY BORDER QUESTION AS EXAMPLE  
 OF "OTHER QUESTIONS" MAY INDICATE PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE  
 SOVIETS ATTACH TO THIS ALTHOUGH THIS MAY MERELY BE DUE  
 TO FACT THAT DESIRE TO SETTLE THIS PROBLEM IS ONE OF  
 THEIR BEST ARGUMENTS FOR PEACE TREATY. PRESUME THAT  
 WE COULD MEET HIS ARGUMENT ABOUT IMPOSSIBILITY HOLDING  
 PLEBISCITE WHILE OUR TROOPS IN OCCUPATION BY OFFERING  
 TO SUBSTITUTE UN TROOPS UNTIL AFTER PLEBISCITE SINCE  
 SOVIETS WOULD CERTAINLY NOT AGREE. ON OTHER HAND  
 IMAGINE SUCH OFFER WOULD DISTURB WEST BERLINERS. IF WE  
 WISH TO SEEK MEANS TO KEEP CONVERSATIONS GOING WE  
 MIGHT PUT FORWARD MY SUGGESTION OF A CONFEDERATION  
 OF ALL BERLIN. UNLESS SOME NEW ELEMENT INTRODUCED  
 DIFFICULT SEE HOW CONVERSATIONS CAN BE KEPT GOING  
 MUCH LONGER ON PRESENT BASIS ALTHOUGH GROMYKO CERTAINLY  
 GAVE ME IMPRESSION SOVIETS NOT YET READY FOR BREAK  
 AND IN ANY EVENT WOULD WANT TO PUT ONUS FOR BREAK ON  
 US. THIS PROBLEM OBVIOUSLY ALSO RELATED TO POSSIBILITY  
 OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING ON DISARMAMENT WHICH  
 WOULD GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER LEVEL DISCUSSION  
 BERLIN PROBLEM.

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